

## Ingleby Mill Newsletter January 2018



As we approach the end of a very short half term it feels too late to say 'welcome back to school' however, I do hope everyone had a relaxing break – it certainly felt good to have a few more days after New Year.

We ended last term saying goodbye to Mrs Whitney, who retired after many years of teaching at Ingleby Mill, and we began this term welcoming Mrs Nelles into the year 5 team. The children have adapted brilliantly well to the change of teacher and Mrs Nelles is proving to be a great member of the staff team.

I can let parents know that **Miss Turner** will be leaving us this half term, having made the decision to go travelling with her sister. We wish her all the very best on her adventures. We have appointed **Miss Carter** to replace Miss Turner as a permanent member of staff. Some parents will know Miss Carter as she has previously taught at Ingleby Mill and everyone I talk to about her have only great things to say.

### Parent Meetings

Thank you to parents who have already signed up for parents meetings the first week after half term (WB 19<sup>th</sup> February). If you haven't done so already then please sign up using the school's gateway or alternatively contact the office for an available slot. In light of the information above please note that Mrs Nelles will be holding parents meetings for children in year 5 South Africa class. This is also the case for parents of children in year 3 England class. Miss Turner has agreed to come in for these meetings alongside Miss Carter – so huge thanks to Miss Turner as this will be a great way for parents to meet the new teacher as well as a great way for Miss Carter to quickly get to know what she needs to know about the children in her class.

### Congratulations

Already this term we have children demonstrating their skills and talents through their participation in tournaments and competitions.

A group of Y5/6 footballers came first in a local tournament and go through to the next round to be held in Hurworth this week.

Children from years 4,5 & 6 took part in the cross-country competition this week. Everyone put their all into it and we had lots of children placed including Taylor (Y4), Seb (Y5), Chloe (Y5), Katie (Y5), Kulreet (Y5), Caitlin (Y5), Bailey (Y6), Matthew (Y6), Finley (Y6), Louie (Y6), Poppy (Y6), Joel (Y6), Brooke (Y6), Grace (Y6) and Sophie (Y6).

### Superhero Day



I have to say a great big thank you to children, staff, parents and friends who supported the Superhero day raising essential funds for a little boy from Barley Fields School who needs specialist proton treatment in America. We had a great day dressing up and this has obviously touched the hearts of the community as £1572.72 was raised. This included £201 raised by Chloe (Y5) and her mum who donated a superhero teddy-making kit to raffle. Congratulations to the lucky winner – Harry in year 2. A huge thank you also to Thomas (Y1) who donated his signed Middlesbrough football shirt to Marcus' family to use for further fundraising. The Headteacher from Barleyfields School has asked that I pass on sincere thanks from the school and family for everyone's support.



### Charity Fundraising

In the last newsletter, I outlined some of the children who had organised various charity fundraising of their own. I omitted to mention Zakk in year 3 who did something amazing on his birthday, which is definitely worth a mention. Zakk donated all of his birthday money £216.41 to Teesside Hospice. What a wonderful, selfless act of kindness!

## Packed Lunches

Just to remind parents about school policy around packed lunches – ie: No sweets, no fizzy drinks and no nut products. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Class Assemblies

It is always a pleasure to welcome parents, family and friends to our class assemblies – it means so much to the children and teachers to know that you are there. So far this term we have had two class assemblies from Greece Class (Y4) who told us all about their heroes and Scotland Class (Y3) who showed us just how much they have learned since starting in KS2. I am always impressed by the children's participation in these assemblies and absolutely acknowledge the courage it takes to stand up there and perform.

Coming up this term we have class assemblies as follows:

2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Sweden Class	4RA/ND
9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	England Class	3LT
23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	China Class	6CM
9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	London Class	2AB
16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Hartlepool Class	1AM

## A request from neighbours

Our neighbours in Regency Park have sent in a request that parents park responsibly in that area – not blocking driveways or on grass verges. Neighbours have said that they will take down registrations and report illegal parking to traffic control.

While we are on the subject of parking – I would also remind parents again about parking outside of school. We are in regular contact with traffic control and the police about irresponsible parking and they have responded by sending people out to patrol. We also have a representative from traffic control coming along to the next Governors Buildings, Health & Safety meeting.

## Bright Futures Week WB 5<sup>th</sup> Feb

We have designated next week as 'Bright Futures Week' when the theme for the whole school will be about aspirations for the future.



Every child will have the chance to think about what it is they want to do as a job in the future and look at some of the qualities and qualifications they might need to succeed.

We also have a range of visitors coming in to each year group to talk to children about the world of work and what they do in their job. Hopefully it will promote some interesting conversations at home too.

## And finally.....

This time last year we introduced our new school motto; Imagine, Make a Difference, Persevere, Succeed, alongside our new IMPS reward cards ..... and the message is starting to get through. It is a joy to hear our children talking about the effort they put into something rather than just the finished result. In a recent assembly one child talked about how great it was to make mistakes because now he could really start learning and other children told me at the start of the year about all the things they are aiming to get better at this year. The discussion was prompted in assembly by some quotes from some famous successful people which I have included as a close to this month's newsletter.

*'I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.'* (Michael Jordan)

*'I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.'* (Thomas Edison)

*'Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm'* (Winston Churchill)

### TERM DATES 2018:

#### Spring

Half Term	Close	Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> February
	Re-open	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> February
Easter	Close	Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> March

#### Summer

Term starts	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> April	
Half Term	Close	Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> May
	Re-open	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Summer	Close	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> July

PD DAYS –we have already had two of these in September. The remaining three professional development days are on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018.

**KS2 SATS TEST WEEK 2018**

**WB 14<sup>th</sup> May**